

**MINUTES OF THE November 5, 2009
BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD AAUW BOARD MEETING**

Co-President Mary Jermak called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and reminded members to silence their cell phones. She thanked November hostesses, Pat Shores, Becky Kruse, and Jackie Fleck. February hostesses are Jayne Kasten, Carol Derrington, and Doris Nistler. There were no additions to the printed agenda.

REPORTS

Board Information, Mary Jermak -- Mary presented these excellent current AAUW news items: AAUW Member at Large Carol Greider was awarded the 2009 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine. She has been a MAL of AAUW since 2002. Greider, who holds a doctorate in molecular biology from the University of California at Berkeley, currently works as the Daniel Nathans Professor and Director of Molecular Biology and Genetics at the Johns Hopkins Institute for Basic Biomedical Sciences. She, Blackburn, and Szostak will attend the Nobel Prize awards ceremony in Stockholm, Sweden, on December 10, 2009. For additional information about this year's Nobel Prize, please visit <http://blog-aauw.org/2009/10/12/aauw-member-awarded-nobel-prize/>.

AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman made a presentation on Oct. 26 regarding STEM at the National Science Foundation.

The Shriver Report received "many bloggers" showing increased interest in the AAUW recommendations .

An AAUW packet supplementing the email notice "What's Your Mouse Click Worth?" was shared. It showed how to generate revenues for AAUW by simply clicking for information on AAUW partner services.

The International Travel opportunity to tour Vietnam and Southeast Asia on Feb. 19 - March 7 offers special opportunities as part of the "Travel Smart with the AAUW Director's Tour with President Carolyn Garfien.

Teri Miller was appointed by Governor Jay Nixon to the **Governor's Council on Disability** for a four-year term.

Sandy Camillo won a Post Dispatch contest for writing movie reviews and had articles published in the East Hampton Star this summer.

Dr. Lewis Wall (presented a Branch Program in 2009) was highlighted in a recent New York Times article.

Co-President Mary reported that the **Minutes from October Board and Branch Meetings** have been read, approved, and are available from Secretary, Jayne Kasten. The Board minutes are posted on our branch website.

Treasurer's Report, Carol Thomas -- Carol presented the accounting of our Branch Assets (Attachment # 1). Total Assets are: #17,482.47. Mary invited Board members to celebrate the passage of our Budget for 2009-2010, and Carol reported that our Tax Form 990 EZ is currently being prepared by our financial advisor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership, Harriett Hirschfeld and Yvonne Morrison -- Yvonne reported that we have **245** Members and that the October New Member Coffee was successful. She thanked Hostess Pat Shores and Board

Members who attended. Co-President Bette Bude shared the Membership fliers and suggested that we utilize them. Adding our branch contact information via labels was discussed.

Program, Doris Nistler and Suzanne Couch--Doris reported that the results of the new monthly program Evaluation Forms indicated that the October program was well received. (Attachment # 2) Suzanne promoted the November Program on "Teach for America" (presenter has been changed to Scott Baer). The January Program will be Rohini Kamath, M.D. speaking on "Aging Gracefully and the Spirit of Women Health Mission". Following discussion, it was decided that all program information should include the fact that our programs "meet Branch and Association goals".

Historian, Carol Derington -- Mary asked everyone to submit photos and articles to Carol.

Directory, Dodie Barnes and Rosemary Manley -- Rosemary asked everyone to turn information on directory changes for the Directory Supplement by Nov. 12. Directory Supplement will be included with the December newsletter.

AAUW PRIORITIES

Leadership Corps, Sandy Camillo, Julie Triplett, Shirley Breeze -- Sandy informed Board members that there are 45 members and that Visibility of AAUW is top priority focus of this group.

Educational Programs & Research, Marcia Block and Jan Horner -- Marcia reported on the successful Eleanor Roosevelt Walk; she stated that the amount raised is good (\$2,789), but that this year falls short of the two previous years' events. The Individual Giving Campaign will be held this month and Jan stated that ribbons would not be used this year.

Dollars for Scholars, Jackie Fleck and Sandy Camillo -- Jackie presented the new Events for November through January. Sandy shared a list of potential projects and will email this list to all Board members.

Legal Advocacy Fund, Ruth Griffin and Barbara Butchart, -- Barbara reported on the successful LAF Book Discussion Fund Raiser held on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at a member's home. \$980.00 was raised. Ruth reported on the LAF Title IX Program in a Box on Title IX. Following the LAF Webinar on 10/29, the committee decided that the project would not be something our branch would do.

Trivia Night Sponsor Letter, Ruth -- Ruth announced the letters for Sponsors are available and encouraged Board Members to seek sponsors for our Saturday April 24, 2010, event. (Attachment # 3) Ruth emphasized that sponsor contacts be coordinated through her.

Public Policy, Erlaine Eltomi and Jane Miller -- Jane reported on the 10/26 Committee Meeting. Ten members were present and two projects were discussed: review and discussion of David Kristof's book "Half the Sky" and The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation.

International Relations, Marian Bauer -- Marian encouraged Board members to attend this outstanding speaker series in January through April 2010. The first lecture will be Jan. 12²⁰¹⁰: "Outsourcing Services, People, and CO2 Emissions".

BRANCH PRIORITIES

Ballwin-Chesterfield Nominating Committee, Mary Jermak -- Mary reported that Rosann Swaringim and Joyce Katz will serve a second year on the committee and joined Board Members in thanking Arlene Spector for completing a two-year term. Mersine Kallaos was recommended for the open position on the Nominating Committee.

Pat Shores moved that Mersine Kallaos be selected as the third member of our 2010-2011 Nominating Committee. Erlaine Eltomi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Wellston STEM update, Julie Triplett, Pat Shores, Sandra Murdock -- Julie reported that we have mentors signed up for this year (9 Branch, 7 West County Democrat Club, and 7 of her church friends). The dates have been set. **Julie moved that the Wellston STEM project be our 2009 - 2010 Missouri Galaxy project. Motion seconded by Erlaine Eltomi and passed.**

Expanding Your Horizons Conference, March 08, 2010, Sandra Murdock -- Sandra reported that we will hopefully take 14 seventh-grade girls to the EYH conference. Registration is \$7/person; plus cost of bus. A discussion regarding having permission slips for each girl was held.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Holiday Auction Update, Nance Roth, Becky Kruse, and Arlene Spector -- Nance and Arlene informed the Board that tickets will be sold at next week's Branch meeting; members are urged to bring items for both the Silent and Oral Auction.

INTEREST GROUPS -- Out to Lunch, Harriett Hirschfeld -- Harriet reported on both the November and December events. Sign up sheets will be available at the November Branch meeting.

Mary invited everyone to join the post-meeting Lunch at Lester's; everyone is Welcome.

NEW BUSINESS -- Barbara Butchart presented information pertinent to the committee for our Spring Luncheon 2010.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carol Thomas asked for clarification regarding the **Fall Brunch** as she had been absent for the October Board meeting. Joyce Katz and Becky Kruse also sought information as they were not present that day. (Attachment # 4) The Board discussed the logistics and difficulties of implementing the motions from the October Board Meeting. As board members definitely want to maintain the welcoming spirit of our annual Fall Brunch, the following motions were made:

Harriett Hirschfeld moved that the motion made on October 1, 2009 {"that the Board discontinue paying for the food at the Fall Kickoff event and charge the members a nominal amount.}" be rescinded. It was seconded by Ruth Griffin and passed with 12 affirmative votes, 0 negative votes and 1 abstention). This motion was adopted.

Harriett Hirschfeld moved that the members of the Board and Chairpersons appointed by the President contribute to the cost of the Fall Brunch. It was seconded by Julie Triplett and passed with 12 affirmative, 0 negative, and 1 abstention. This motion was adopted.

The November 2009 Board meeting was adjourned by Co-President Mary Jermak at 11:37 am.

Submitted by Jayne A. Kasten, Branch Secretary 11/9/09